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INDIANAPOLIS MAN CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO POSSESS AND DISTRIBUTE COCAINE

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Steven L. Williams, 29, Indianapolis, Indiana, was charged today with one count of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute and to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine and two counts of distribution of a mixture or substance containing cocaine, following an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

Between July and October, 2009, Williams allegedly conspired to possess with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine. He is also charged with distributing cocaine on July 30, 2009, and on August 11, 2009.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Josh J. Minkler, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Williams faces a maximum of 40 years in prison and a \$4,000,000 fine for the conspiracy charge, and a maximum of 20 years in prison and a \$1,000,000 fine on each of the distribution charges. An initial hearing will be scheduled in the near future before a U.S. Magistrate Judge.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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